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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1900.

THE PRESENT STATE OF THE WAR

Winston Churchill, the gallant grandson of Lord Randolph Churchill, who so distinguished himself at the Boer attack on an armored train, and who afterwards escaped from Boer imprisonment at Pretoria, writes the London newspaper, for which he is correspondent in South Africa, the most sensible letters that come from that quarter. In a recent one he says the Boers have about 7,000 men in the works in front of Colenso, 7,000 surrounding Ladysmith as beslegers and about 5,000 who are mounted and who course backward and forward to Colenso or to Ladysmith as their services seem to be needed at the one place or the other. This gives the Boers in front of General Buller about 19,000 men to oppose his 25,000, but they are far more than a match for 25,000 intrenched, as they are, and armed with Mauser rifles that they are so eminently skilled in

After their marvellous skill with the rifle, the strong point in the Boer situation is exceeding mobility of their 5,000 reserve. Being mounted, these men can be transferred from point to point as it is threatened, with such rapidity as to constitute each point in turn a position garrisoned by its mere force plus 5,000. This is a prodigious advantage, and one which General Buller must have great good luck to overcome with his present force. He ought to have at least 15,000 more troops to place him upon anything like equal terms with the Boers behind their fortifications.

The further the contest goes the more hopeless the Boer struggle seems to us to be. We did not feel sure of the effect the British reverses were going and we did not feel sure, some three weeks back, that they did not have a chance to succeed. But it is now evident that the reverses have only solidified national sentiment in England and made the whole nation a unit for the unreleating prosecution of the war. That being so there can be but one ending of The Boers will be conquered as certainly as that there is not some intervention of heaven to prevent it. The process of attrition alone would necessarily produce this result if there were no other element of Boer weakness in the case. We never learn what the Boer losses are in the various combats that occur, though they are necessarily considerable. At Spion Kop, for instance, in their attempts to retake the hill they fought in the open and at close range, and their losses there were heavy. how heavy they will not say, but the were considerable. They also lost heavily at Dundee, Elandslaagte and in their assault upon Ladysmith. These losses are Irreparable to the Boers, while England supplies her losses and adds new troops without difficulty. The question of food, too, must soon become a serious one to the Boers, as their whole male population is in the field, and the Kaffirs left at home cannot be depended upon to raise food supplies.

Upon the whole, now that England has withstood the shock of her reverses, we do not see how there can be but one ending to the war, and that the complete conquest and overthrow of the Boers It will require a large army, hard fighting and patience, but in the end Engtand must win.

AMERICANS AND THE BOERS.

A writer in the New York Commercial Adverdser, in speaking of the sympathy which has been manifested in this country with the Boers, says that whatever view we may take of the political or civil questions involved, "all true men must feel that these Dutchmen in Africa have shown themselves worthy of many of the best traditions of the race. That men who fight as they fight must believe that they have their quarrel just, and they descrive the applicase of the whole world for their resolution and intelligence.

Since the war in the Transvaal began

Boers, and while there are many characteristics of these people which we do not admire, we confess to a great admiration for their love of liberty, for their wonderful courage and for their splendid fighting qualities. Leaving out of consideration the question of prejudice against Great Britain, the American people as a whole admire and honor the Boers for those qualities which we have mentioned and it is an honor to this nation that such is the fact.

There is much to be said in Great Britain's behalf and most men admit that t would be in the interest of progress and civilization for Great Britain to win in this war, for wherever she has planted her flag there she has carried civilization and equal rights, giving to all her subjects the right of local self-governmen and seeing to it that the individual rights of every citizen in good standing are secured. But for all that, true Americans admire and sympathize with a love of liberty and the courage of conviction wherever and by whomsoever these admirable qualites are dsplayed.

#### THE ORGANIC LAW.

It is now a foregone conclusion that a onvention will be called to revise the Constitution of Virginia, which means that the organic law of Virginia will be blotted out and written anew. This being the case, it is no wonder that conservative men have been slow to lend their aid to such a movement. It is a serious and a solemn thing to do. Statutory law is not of so great consequence, because the Legislature meets every two years, and a bad statute is easily resealed. But the organic law of the land involves those great fundamental principles of government upon which our republic was founded. It involves liberty and those personal and property rights which are so dear to every true American. When the organic law of the State has been written, it is with difficulty that it can be changed. The process is slow, and if blunders are made, the most serious consequences may follow before a change in the Constitution can be accomplished. Therefore, the task of making a new Constitution for the great Commonwealth of Virginia is one from which every true patriot involuntarily shrinks, for it is a responsibility that every such man is reluctant to assume. We do not believe that patriotism in Virginia is at a discount. We believe that the men of this generation, generally speaking, are as honest, as patriotic and as capable as the men of other generations, and if the forthcoming constitutional convention shall be composed of representative men from this section and that throughout the State, there need be no fear as to the result, We think it not too early, therefore, to begin to arouse the thinking men of Virginia to the importance of having the onvention, which is to be held, composed of men whose single purpose will be to promote the true interests of the people of Virginia, and to carry into effect those sublime principles of the Bill of Rights, which was handed down to us by our fathers as a sacred herituge. If there ever was an occasion when the office should seek the man it will be when Virginia begins to choose delegates to the constitutional convention. It is said in proverb that fools rush in where that the constitutional convention is no

angels fear to tread. It might be said with equal truth that knaves rush in where angels fear to tread. We affirm place for either fools or knaves. If it is to succeed in giving Virginia a better Constitution than that under which she is now operating, it must be composed of discreet patriots, who shall be as wise as serpents and as innocent as doves. We think that it may be set down as a rule that the man, from whatever section he may come, who pushes himself forward and begs the people to send him as a delegate to the convention, is not a proper man to sit in that body. It will be a great honor, to be sure, to be a member of the constitutional convention but in this case there should prevail the spirit of each preferring another over to have upon public spirit in England, himself. There should be no candidates within the Democratic party. No man should enedeavor by organization, or by other methods known to politicians, to get himself nominated as a delegate. The cople should begin right now to canvass the matter among themselves, to talk about the qualifications of this man and that in their respective communities, and by and by when the time comes to make the comination the Democrats of every

community should assemble themselves

en masse, and, without bickering or dick-

ering, select the man who in their judg-

ment will best represent his constituents

in the convention.

Fortunately, the people of Virginia are a harmonious people. There is really but one party in Virginia, and there is no clash of interests. There are no fierce factions here, and no enmities, such as exist, for example, in the State of Kentucky. The Democrats of Virginia are honestly divided on some questions of public policy; but when it comes to the great principles and the true functions of government, they are cordially united, and they have one great common end in view. There ought to be no difficulty, therefore, in getting a convention which shall in all respects be equal to the convention of 1829 and the convention of 1850, and which shall in every way be far superior to the more recent convention that gave us the Constitution under which we are now living. Therefore, felow-citizens of Virginia, in the name of the old Commonwealth, in the name of the great patricts of Virginia, whose memory we cherish; in the name of peace and happiness and liberty, let us for this time put partisan politics aside; let us send the practical politician to the rear; et us, as true patrlots, select as delegates men whose one purpose will be to promote the common weal and maintain the

WOMEN OF THE CONFEDERACY. At the reunion last May in Charleston of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans, a resolution offered on behalf of the Virginia delegation was unanimously adopted, by which this organization undertook the task of raising a fund to be employed in erecting a monument to the memory of the women of the Confederacy we have read almost everything that we in pursuance of which a committee comcould lay our hands upon in current lit-posed of one member from each Southern stature concerning the character of the State has been appointed by CommanderMUNYON'S INHALER



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in-Chief Colquitt, and Mr. James Mann, of Nottoway county, Va., has been made its chairman. We have received a communication from Mr. Mann, in which he says that the resolution, as originally drawn, called for the erecting of 'monument of enduring bronze," but that it is thought by many prominent veterans and sons of veterans that it would be more appropriate to erect in honor of the women of the Confederacy a memorial college for the education of Southern girls, or a home for indigent widows and daughters of Confederate soldiers and sailors. He also calls attention to the fact that during their recent meeting in Richmond, the United Daughters of the Confederacy approved this plan, and pledged to the movement their cordial

support. Modesty is the chief characteristic of the true Southern woman, and so, ever since the war, whenever there was talk of erecting a monument to commemorate the heroism and sacrifice of the Confederate matrons and maidens, there was a modest protest on the part of these wo men and their representatives. They did not want any "monument of enduring bronze." They did not care to have their deeds exploited. They desired no reminder of the terrible ordeals through which they had passed. Their experiences were too harrowing and too sacred to be talked about, and they shrunk from any suggestion of publicity and glorification. It was more in accord with their feelings to crect monuments to the great heroes of battle; to take care of the wornout veterans of the war, and to keep green the graves of those who had laid down their lives for the South's cause.

But this proposition will disarm the vomen of the Confederacy, who are ever ready to lend their aid to any and every movement that tends to promote the interests of the South. Here is a practical plan, which the women of the Confederacy must and will approve. A sum of money will be raised as a tribute to them, but it will be employed in building a great institution that will help the liv ing. It is an excellent plan. It will accomplish a two-fold purpose; it will be practical as well as sentimental, and we hope and believe that it will succeed.

#### CURRENT TOPICS.

In discussing to bill before the Virginia Legislature relating to insurance companies, the Insurance Press reproduces some remarks of ours on that subject and adds: "The Times is to be congratulated for its efforts to direct right-thinking on fire insurance matters by the people of Virginia."

We have no interest in insurance com panies other than the interest which every other good citizen feels. We want to see plenty of good, reputable insurance companies in Virginia, and we want to see the very lowest rate that is consistent with safe insurance. We believe that the way, and the only way, to get the minimum rate from such companies is to reduce the risk, the physical risk and the moral risk, to the minimum. We do not believe that anything is to be accomplished through the Legislature by harsh restrictions. Insurance companies cannot be arrived by law have to be ness at less than a profitable rate. We have contended, and we still contend, that the best thing the Legislature can do for the people of Virginia who have property to insure is, by conference with and pass such a bill as shall reduce the moral risk in Virginia to the lowest possible point.

The Montgomery Advertiser uses this

significant language: "There is little doubt that Governor Johnston would follow Goebel's methods in Kentucky in order to control the next State Convention and to nominate his successor in the gubernatorial office, if the opportunity presents itself. He is just as unserupulous and audacious as

"It will be a happy thing, therefore, if the Alabama Democracy, by its decisive action in the next few months against the Governor and the leaders of his type, puts the temptation to Goebelize Alabama out of the Governor's way. Its bama out of the Governor accourse in the Constitutional Convention repeal shows conclusively that he would let no consideration of party loyalty or State patriotism stand in the path of his

selfish ambition. We do not mean to approve what our We do not mean to approve what our contemporary says about Governor Johnston, for we are not sufficiently informed as to Alabama politics to know, even if we were disposed to get into the fight. But we do say that the recent history of Kentucky is a terrible warning to bossism and corruption in politics. The people of the South will not stand either. ple of the South will not stand either and whenever any party attempts to rule by force or fraud there will be trouble,

### SOUTHERN NOTES.

A special from Birmingham says: The Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company will begin work soon on steel rail mill at Ensley. It will adjoin the new steel plant and wire and rod mill. Several hundred thousand dollars will be spent in this new enterprise, which will be the first rail mill in the South. The mill will employ five or six hundred men and the company is assured of a market and the company is assured of a market for all the product it can manufatoure. The steel that will be used will be ob-tained from the steel mill of the Ala-bama Steel and Shipbuilding Company, which corporation is an offspring of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Com-pany.

Otter fur, amounting to over \$1,900, was sold by a Kissimmee, Fla., firm last week. A few weeks ago another firm week. A lew weeks ago another him sold at one time about \$1,209 worth. Otter skins are selling this winter between \$5 and \$7 each, and the buyers will take any quantity. The raising of otters will doubtless be a Florida industry that will pay big dividends whenever the matter is undertaken with sufficient capital and careful management. Otters being na-tive of Florida and the fact that an otter farm would be independent of the sea-

sons are some of the points in favor of such an industry.—Savannah News.

A bill to erect a million dollar Statehouse at Jackson has passed the Mishouse as sissippi Senate.

An Atlanta correspondent says that more outside capital will be invested in Georgia this year in the cotton mill industry than in any other Southern State.

OUR RELIGIOUS CONTEMPORA-RIES.

"Be anything but a scolding preacher."
The folks for whom the scolding is meant don't hear it, while those who do hear it dont deserve it. Dont scold!—Religious Herald.

The man who will give the Methofist Church a financial system will deserve a monument more lasting than brass. The use of money has never been properly considered among us. We began wrong. Our pioneer preachers were competing with the Churches, the Congregational in New England and the Church of England in the Middle and South Atlantic States, whose pastors lived on State taxes. Our itinerants made display of their scant pay. It did indeed tell to their credit, but its educated the Methodists downward. We The man who will give the Methodist made display of their scant pay. It did indeed tell to their credit, but it educated the Methodists downward. We are hardly recovered from that schooling in stinginess. The famous Roanoke Circuit with taxable assets of five million tugging and sweating to "raise" \$179 for brilliant John E. Edwards, wife and two children—think of it! We know that the preachers did not live on the miserable pittance paid them. They became "begging friars." Their clothing was given them. It was expected that on every visit to a well-to-do "home" some useful present would be passed to their capacious saddle-bags and large overcoat pockets. What abundant supply of hand-knit socks! It is only in these latter days the parson used a sulky. He, in olden times, went in a stout buggy with ample space for hams, potatoes and even a big bag of meal. The juniors in our day were "promised" a hundred dollars. A negro field hand commanded in money and the "promised" a hundred dollars. A flegic field hand commanded in money and the value of the things "found him" nearly twice as much as the college graduate on a circuit. What a wrong was wrought on our people by such a training!—Rich-

mond Christian Advocate.

The institution or association among men should be characterized so pre-eminently by both dignity and simplicity as the Church, and all the churches that make and represent the Church of God. Its mission is to bear God's message of truth to men, and to be its unfaltering witness. No other institution has so lofty a duty. The truth it bears has a supreme majesty among all the messages, the philosophies, the selenees, known and heard on earth. No part of the Church can with strong conviction bear witness of God's truth without sharing the dignity of that truth. The absence of dignity not only impairs the value of the testimony, but impugns the reality of conviction and the genuineness and authority of the message. With the dignity that is inseparable from so august and so urgent a mission among men comes its companion simplicity. The church that has the dignity of the great mission must have the simplicity, which is the absence of pretense, of affectation, of formality.—Central Presbyterian. is the absence of pretense, of affect of formality.—Central Presbyterian.

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Our duties, to love God with all our heart and mind and soul and strength and our neighbor as ourselves, establish us as devout men and good citizens. The Almighty requires of us to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before Him.

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There is another consideration of extreme importance, which seems to be largely left to the care of our self-love and self-respect, or self-appreciation. It is the establishment and realization of the kingdom of heaven within us. The announcement of our Lord is: "The announcement of our Lord is: "The kingdom of heaven is within you." St. Paul savs: "You are the temple of the Holy Ghost." Solomon says: "Kep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." Again he says: "Though wisdom is a house builded, and by understanding it is established, and by knowledge shall the chambers thereof be filled with all precious and pleasant riches."

And the beautiful figures of the New Jerusalem and heaven may be taken as types of the possibilities of the large and beautiful soul that lives and moves and has its life and light and being consciously in the fear and love of Got. As we realize them, we realize these gleams of heaven as they shine into our being.—Southern Churchman.

### AFTERMATH.

The Republicans of North Carolina are talking about running Senator Pritchard as candidate for the Republican nomination for the Vice-Presidency.

Walter Farnsworth was recently convicted in Chicago of bigamy, and sentenced to the penitentiary. He is said to have married at different times fortywo women,

Mrs. P. E. Willis, of Austin, Texas, has Mrs. P. E. Wills, of Austin, reas, master blindness covering a period of eleven years. When she opened her eyes they rest first of all upon an only daughter, grown from childhood to womanhood since her mother last saw her. The scene between mother and daughter is described as most pathetic.

Henry O. Tanner, son of Bishop Tanner, of the African Methodist church, recently won a prize for the best figure painting at the annual exhibition of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts.

An Eye for Business.

Poor Lo had met with an accident of "Flint Face," said the surgeon who had fixed him up, "how do you like your wooden leg?"

responded the noble red man. "Ugh!" responded the Hobes Feet had.
"Very good. Like you make me all wood."
"All wood. Filmt Face? Why in the
world do you want to be all wood?"
"Make money! Get job stand in front
of cigar store."—Chicago News.

From Her Point of View. "Really, I think I have the kindest hus band in the world."

"Indeed!"
"Yes. He lets me get the divorce gives me twice the alimony I asked for Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### His Grudge Against Rum

"Ah, my friend," sighed the reformer, "rum causes lots of trouble in th's world," 'Indeed, it dees," agreed the listener. "No doubt you or I would be happier were it not for the rum demon," went on the reformer. "Indeed, we would," again agreed the

patient listener.
"And how has it caused you unhappi

ness?" asked the reformer.

"Years ago a woman told me that if I stopped drinking she would marry me?"

"And you could not stop?"

"No," roared the patient listener. "No, I did not stop!"—Baltimore—American.

My soul, it is God's will that thou shoulds Slow, O my soul, so slow: As doth the leaf unfold upon the true, So very patiently!

My soul, it is God's will that thou shouldst

Of unseen symmetry; As perfect as the leaf when 'tis uncurled, Before the wondering world! —Arthur E. Locke in the Boston Tran-

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Julian Ralph writes of "The True Flour of the Orient;" Poultney Bigelow contributes a most readable paper on "Tie White Man's Rule in Singapore;" To-day's Science in Naples, by Dr. Henry Smith Williams, is of special interest to those of a scientific turn of mind.

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There are several good stories "Eleanor," by Mrs. Humphrey Ward, is "Eleanor," by Mrs. Humphrey Ward, is concluded in this number, and Seve Crane contributes another of his "Whilom-ville Stories,"
These are but samples of the good things in the February Harper.

What shall I send to my sweet to-night? Roses of yellow, or pink, or white? Gold for her smile, and her sunny hair? Pink for the flush that her checks v

White for her soul, and the secrets there' Which shall she lay on her breast of snow Is it a prophecy? Weal or woe? Yellow for gold and the world's decree Pink for a love and its ecstasy!— White for the robe of a saint to be! Strange, how I shrink from the frail de

'Tis but a fancy, whim of mine. Tate does not come at a lover's call,
To lurk in the rose of a girl's first ballI think I'll take violets, after all.
—Mary McNeil Fernollosa.

MU SIGMA RHO.

New Hall to Be Opened at Richmond

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College Next Week,
On next Friday evening the Mu Sigma
Rho Literary Society of Richmond College will formally open their newly furnished hall. The following programme will
be carried out:
Hon, J. Taylor Ellyson will preside,
Prayer by Dr. I. M. Mercer.
Welcome by President W. H. Griffith.
"Our Society" by F. W. Moore.
"The Alumni in Faculty" by Prof. E. M.
Long.

ong.
"Our Motto" by Rev. Ashby Jones.
"Down before the Civil War" by Dr. W The Alumni Association" by Hon, S.

. Kelley. "Clergy in Alumni" by Dr. R. H. Pitt. "Lawyers in Alumni" by Judge S. B

Witt. "Doctors in Alumni" by Dr. J. Page "Cur Alumni in Legislature Bodies" by

"Cur Alumni in Legislation of the occasion, Messrs. The committee for the occasion, Messrs. P. P. Dean (chairman), H. Lee McBain and J. S. Eggieston, have been doing all in their power to make the event a memorable one in the history of the society. orable one in the history of the society. The work on the repairing of the hall was begun just before the Christmas holidays; it has now been completed. With their newly furnished hall and the room which the old Mu Sigma Rho Society has, it bids fair to become one of the finest societies of any college in the south. The opening exercises of the second half will take place next Tuesday evening, February 6th, in the college assembly hall at 8 o'clock.

Pebruary 6th, in the college assembly hall at 8 o'clock.

The speaker of the occasion will be Dr.
J. B. Hawthorns. His subject will be "Orators and Oratory." The public is cordially invited to these exercises.

### ABDUCTION CASE.

Charles Loth Will be on Trial Tuesday

The case of Charles Loth, charged with the abduction of Miss Olivia B. Newton will come up in the Hustings Court on The facts in the will be remembered from recent publica tions in The Times. Loth took his lady love to North Carolina, where they were The Commonwealth's Attorney will probably enter a noile prosequi when the

case is reached.

Five Families Homeless

SUFFOLK, VA., Feb. 3.—Special.—The burning of four houses in Jericho, a negro suburb, this morning, rendered five families homeless. The blaze started from a bad flue. The ilames were fanned by wind and there was no department to check them. Loss \$3,000; insurance \$1,300.

The Lee Rifles. An order has been issued through the Adjutant-General's office for the re-organization of the Lee Rifles, of Norfolk.

An exhibition of some recent work of Augustus St. Gaudens, reproduced in bronze, is now being held at Tiffany's, on Union Square. Mr. St. Gaudens, who has virtually become to resident of Paris, where he has a handsome studio, and who has received several honors from the French Goyenment, including medals, the Legion of Honor cross, and the purchase of two of his culpures for the Luxembourg galleries, has not shown for a long time any work in New York. Among the pieces in the present display are two of the original experimental mode's for the Madison Square Garden tower Diana, a reduced model of his statute of the Puritan in Smithfield, Mass., reproductions of "The Angel with the Tablet," and of the portrait bas relief of the late Robert Louis Stevenson, the originals of which last were the pieces purchased by An exhibition of some recent work o which inst were the pieces purchased by the Luxembourg galleries. The friends of Mr. St. Gaudens and lovers of the arof Mr. St. Gaudens and lovers of the his of sculpture in general should not fall to visit this little display, which is filled with cravincing evilence that Mr. St. Gau-dens' hand has not lost its cunning, and that his natural artistic force and skill have not abated.—New York Times Satur-Prepare for the Blizzard

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NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Special.—Milton Rathbun, a New York merchant, has fasted for tweive days, and says that he will not taste food until March 1st. He believes what fasting is good for many ills, and has more than once made long fasts. He said that he had tried to keep his fast secret as he did not want any notoriety, but the newspapers got hold of the story, and an interview is printed with him in to-day's Herald:
"In order to make a careful test," said Mr. Rathbun, "the brain, from which bodlly strength is derived, should be at rest as much as possible. I attend to my business every day as usual, putting in from eight to nine hours in my office. "This is the twelfth day. I have not taken nourishment of any kind, have not touched stimulants, and the only thing that passes my lips is pure water.
"I lose about two and a half pounds in weight each day, but I regain some of that at night from the water I drink.
"I do not limit myself to any particular quantity of water, but take from a pint to a pint and a half a day. I use bottled mineral water that is as nearly chemically pure as I can find.

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NOT HUNGRY NOW.

"When I stopped eating I weighed 207 pounds. My weight now is 184 pounds, a difference of twenty-three pounds. My chest measurement is about five inches less. On the second day of my fast I felt hungry, but withstood the gnawing at my stomach. Then I became weak, and I left. nungry, but we astood the gnawing at my stomach. Then I became weak, and I left the office two hours earlier than usual in consequence. During the last few days I have felt some fever, but these symptoms have entirely disappeared, and my temperature is normal.

Professor Doremus examined me

Professor Doremus examined me on January 31st, and pronounced me in excellent condition. Dr. Frank Carpenter has also examined me.

"Each day I go out for a walk, and do not smoke. The sight of food does not tempt me. I usually sit in an armchair and watch my family dine. I wish it understood that I am not a fanatic. If I found the fast was endangering my health I would stop at once.

"A man cannot die of starvation until the tissues are exhausted. That would be wiren he was wasted away to a mere

when he was wasted away to a mere skeleton, and would weigh about sixty pounds.

pounds.
"I expect my weight to decrease about two pounds a day from this time on. When it reaches 160 pounds I shall increase my daily ration of water. That will prevent my falling off too much. If I continue without eating until March 1st, as I now intend doing, I calculate that my weight will be 151 pounds."
TURNS BAPTIST.
Rev. Madison C. Peters, formerly a well known Presbyterian preacher, but for the past nine years pastor of Bloomingdale

past nine years pastor of Bloomingdale Reformed church, has resigned his pastorate in order to join the Baptist clurch and become a Bantist preacher. He be-lieves in the Baptist doctrine of baptism, and thinks that it is his duty to join that

denomination.

Count Castellane says that he and the Countess came to America to visit relatives, and that before returning trey will have been received and entertained by each and every member of the Gould family. He insists that there are absolutely and the statement of the counterproduction of t lutely no differences between him and hi wife's people, but confesses that since he came to New York he and the Goulds have been talking over some business

nave been talking over some business matters.

According to a statement just prepared, the amount paid by the government of the city of New York in salaries and wages amounts to \$11,555,350, or more than fiftythree per cent, of the total city budget.

SUES A PRACTICAL JOKER. George C. Meyer has brought against Frederick Williams for dama The suit is interesting, because it grows out of a practical joke. It is alleged that the defendant induced the plaintiff to get the defendant induced the plaintiff to get up on a table and make a speech to a number of men, accepting an imaginary nomination to a political office, and that while Meyer was making the speech some person pulled the table from under him. causing him to fall and fracture two o

All the visible effects of the famous Franklin Syndicate w public auction for the sum of \$150. Dr. Ernest G. Metcalfe, a well known physician of the Eastern District, died resterday morning of Bright's disease. John B. McDonald who has secured the John B. McDonald, who has secured the contract for constructing the underground railroad, has not succeeded in getting his bond arranged, and will ask for a further extension of time. Mrs. Martha Edwards had her husband hauled up before Magistrate Worth yes-

terday, in the Gates-Avenue Court. In Brooklyn, charged with disorderly con-duct. The complaint was that her hus-hand tickled her feet. The case was con-

TO RELIEVE PEARY. The Peary Arctic Club, of Breoklyn, has decided to fit out the steamer Windward for a trip to the Arctic regions. She will sail about July 15th, and Secretary Her-bert L. Bridgeman will probably be the

bert L. Bridgeman will promote to the cape of the expedition.

The muin object will be to relieve Lieutenant Peary. If he has found the pole the relief steamer will remain with him. She will be stocked for a voyage of three

Disarmament in Virginia,

Virginia has come to the conclusion that too many people are making dan-gers and nuisances of themselves by cargers and nuisances of themselves by car-rying pistols, and there are at present before its Legislature no less than three bills for the disarmament of the public. Every bill having for its object the sav-ing of life is commendable, and incident ally these measures, if adopted. for the restoration of self-hespect among men who can not now enjoy it in the full. No man thinks highly of himself when he carries a deadly weapon concealed in his clothing. There is only one purpose for such an implement, and it is to kill, or injure. And the way to stop the fighting and bloodshed which are caused by this criminal practice is not merely to punish the potential murderers, but to shut down on the sale of weapons and ammunition.—Prooklyn Eagle. for the restoration of self-hespect among

Janet.
(Dedicated lovingly to little Janet Ainslie.)
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